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Report from the Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations pursuant to Security Council resolution 1407 (2002) concerning Somalia

In its resolution 1407 (2002) of 3 May 2002, the United Nations Security Council requested all States to report to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia on measures they had in place to ensure the full and effective implementation of the weapon and military equipment embargo established by resolution 733 (1992).

By way of introduction, it should be noted that Switzerland, although not a member of the United Nations, has of its own accord implemented all the sanctions imposed by the Security Council since the early 1990s under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

The weapon and military equipment embargo established in paragraph 5 of resolution 733 (1992) has been implemented since 1992. Currently, this implementation is based on the Federal Act concerning military equipment of 13 December 1996 and the Federal Act concerning the control of certain items, also of 13 December 1996, as well as the relevant ordinances for the implementation of these Acts.

The Federal Act concerning military equipment stipulates that the import, export and transit of military equipment shall require the authorization of the Swiss Government. To take account of decisions taken by the international community, the Swiss Government may decide that no authorization shall be granted to a specific country or group of countries. The Federal Act concerning the control of certain items, which seeks to control dual-purpose items and certain specific military items, stipulates that permits for certain specific military items shall be denied when, inter alia, the United Nations prohibits the export of such items.

In conclusion, on the basis of the two aforementioned Acts as well as prior legislation in this area, the Swiss Government has issued no permits for the export, import or transit of weapons or military equipment relating to Somalia since 1992.

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